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November is a month that we celebrate and commemorate veterans. Specifically, November 11th which stands as a day not like any other day in most places these days. I believe that is rather a shame since much of our freedoms were won by blood shed usually from young Americans serving their country. I believe every generation has a significant seminal moment both positive and negative that remains with them for the rest of their lives. I would presume the past two generations it was the 911 attack that looms in their memory bank. Several years ago when working with a youth group I got acquainted with a fellow named Carl Fuller. He was the habitat for humanity manager in the town we were doing habitat work. He was also a retired NYPD port authority police officer. He just so happened to have taken the day off on 911. I asked him to speak to this group of youngsters. I think at first he was reluctant to do so but with some prodding on my part he finally agreed. He spoke to them after dinner in the dormitory we were staying. Each evening we would have a period of group reflection about a varied assortment of issues. I wouldn't describe Carl as being an eloquent speaker but he did speak from the heart. He told many stories about the friends he lost most of whom were on the 43d floor when the airplanes struck the building. Some 48 lives snuffed in a blink. He spoke of the collateral damage that has affected us all as a nation. He also related that he moved to Mississippi to do habitat work as he felt he owed something for being saved an eventful day. Here is the kicker of his recollection for me. Adolescent youngsters are as a group often very reticent to want to address adults in a complimentary manner. When Carl finished speaking every single youngster went up to him shook his hand and thanked him for telling his version of that day and the subsequent days after.

So why am I telling you about this you might ask. I believe we at Kenmore should take a more strident stand on celebrating Veterans Day. In the past at shotgun we would have a shoot in honor of paralyzed veterans. But it was poorly attended and we have subsequently lost our contacts with this organization.

I think for my generation that fateful moment came with the assassination of John F. Kennedy I was in gym class when I got the word. Most people old enough can tell you where they were as well. Subsequently, the assassinations of Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King marked an era of significant trauma that lingers on in our memory. But I think for me the thing that has had the most impact was in the summer of 1968. I was travelling from Connecticut my home state with a friend to attend an athletic camp in York, Pa. I remember being filled with that wonderful elixir of youthful ego and joyful optimism. That euphoric feeling was halted in its tracks. Because about this time we approached the wide bend of the freeway that overlooks Dover air force base. It was just before dusk that eerie time of day when the sun reluctantly starts to lose its grip on the day. There on the tarmac of the airfield were hundreds of flag covered coffins of youngsters many close to my age. The sight still gives me goose bumps even to this day recounting that sight. Even now fat, sassy and comfortable I look up at a traced piece of paper hanging above my desk. It is from the VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL. It reads "He Gave His Life for the Freedom We Have Today." His name is Anthony J. Romaniello. We played baseball together in High School. Looking back on how fortunate I have been I don't ever want to forget the sacrifice these folks gave for us all.

President's Message (continued)

So what is the point of recounting all these stories? I would like to start a tradition at Kenmore whereby we as a range honor Veterans Day and our first responders appropriately. So please if anyone of you has some good ideas about how we may do that please let me know. To recount the words of one of our neighbors after 911 he stated that the sounds coming from the gun range were the sounds of freedom. That is no small compliment.

WCW Board Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by President Joe Rinaldi.

Present board members:

Joe Rinaldi (President)
Robb Stack (Vice President)
Mike Wichser (2nd Vice President)
John Woolley (Treasurer)
Jim Thompson (Chairman Trustee)
Larry Mallory (2yr Trustee)
Jeff Gomes (Trustee)
John Sutton (Trustee)
Martin Morehouse (Corresponding Secretary)
Dale Sieg (Recording Secretary)

Absent board members:

Gary Webster (past President)
Jeff LeMoine (Trustee Elect)

Committee Leads and Facilities Manager present at meeting:

Robert Haverstock (Range Manager)
Martin Morehouse (Rifle)
Ken Deleone (Archery)
Bob Pritchard (Shotgun)

Guests:

None

Guest topics:

No guests were present.

Committee reports:

Notes from the committee reports that were presented during the board meeting are below.

Archery report:

Ken Deleone presented.

Indoor archery will be picking up as the weather changes. We discussed some small changes to the JOAD and other archery event schedules. All events will be posted on the website calendar.

Handgun Report:

Martin Morehouse presented.

The last pistol special use class was September 25th. There were 10 attendees and 3 earned their pistol special use endorsement.

The next pistol Special Use session is October 23rd and four members have signed up.

Pistol events going on this month include:

NRA basic pistol class October 9th

Bullseye pistol October 18th

Joe mentioned we will need to have a couple work parties when we start the update to Range 3.

Rifle Report:

Martin Morehouse presented.

The Bullseye Pistol League is still scheduled for every Monday at 7 PM on Range 3.

Our next joint committee meeting is scheduled for 11 October.

At the last committee meeting there were 11 people in attendance (Five in person, six on Zoom).

There were 12 people who attended the Rifle Special Use range session on 26 September.

The Civil Air Patrol conducted their marksmanship qualification event on September 18th and 19th in the clubhouse. (19 cadets attended, earning 28 medals in the NRA Marksmanship Program.). The Civil Air Patrol wrote the board a thank you card and sent us a thank you plaque.

Legal Heat proposed their schedule for 2022, and we added it to our calendar.

Youth Rifle plans to start again, as of 24 September. We added them to the calendar. This bumped indoor smallbore practice off the calendar, we are looking for other dates. Proposing Wednesdays from 4 to 7 as open practice.

On September 15th, we rebuilt all the 100 yard target sockets and half of the 300 yard line, all seated in concrete. Mark Huber, Lou Scharbeau, George Smith, Bryan Wilson, Matt Daley, Kevin Kellog and Martin Morehouse all worked on it, with support from Robert and the maintenance crew. Thank you to the volunteers and employees. The replacement or upgrade for Range 3 is still being looked at. It could be expanded to the east to provide more firing points. A member suggested that Range 1 be open to members during matches when benches are available. Members would have to cease fire when required by match directors or match rangemasters so as not to interrupt the match. In this way, members could still use the range when matches have small attendance. This will open up more weekend hours to members. This was accepted at the meeting; we will propose it to the board.

Richard Ripley and Martin Morehouse assembled more sandbags for Range 1 and the NRA Basic Pistol and Rifle classes. 8 sandbags, and 40 buckwheat hull bags.

Thank you, Richard and Martin.

We created a name badge and will provide it to one of the instructors.

Lastly, Martin said we will be raising the cost of our rifle classes to \$99.

Shotgun Report:

Bob Pritchard presented.

We discussed the 5 stand layout. This has not been revised in a while and a proposal to make some changes was made. One person had brought this up to the committee and the committee queried the shooters to get input. The committee found there is interest in making some changes. Bob worked with Gary Uhlig, Tim Lade and Mike Wilgus to investigate what we would want to do. Bob shared their proposal. They would like to purchase 3 portable machines. The cost is \$3,110 per machine. The cost includes the machine, shipping, cart, battery, trickle charger. We discussed the previous concerns with adding the new machines. The concern was that it would be difficult to integrate the new machines into the current system. This will not be a problem as a new machine can simply be plugged into the controller in place of an existing machine without any change to the system.

The new machines will allow much more flexibility in the 5 stand layout. Jim Thompson mentioned we would need to create covers for the rain.

Thank you Gary Uhlig, Tim Lade and Mike Wilgus for the work on the proposal.

Manager's Report:

Robert Haverstock presented.

Employee evaluations of lead and hearing are almost done.

The steps going up to the main office need to be repaired. They are closed until the repairs are complete.

Ammo update: We have 5000 rounds of 5.56 coming. We may also have 200 cases of 12GA coming but that is still being working on.

Treasurer's Report:

John Woolley presented.

We had a good membership month. John asked if we want to raise membership fees and range fees. The Trustees said they decided we should not increase our rates at this time. If we don't increase rates now, we will need to increase fees next year. We do not want to find ourselves in the same situation we were a couple years ago where we did not keep up with inflation and increased taxes.

Trustees Report:

John Sutton presented.

Range 3 update: We are having engineering analysis done as the first step to get the wall updated. This analysis has started and cost \$1,800.

John shared some options of the next steps once we get the study back. What we do next depends on the results of the study.

Old Business:

The paperwork has been filed to clear up the clerical error that was made regarding using 'Inc.' in some previous filings with the state. Once accepted, we will simply be known as WCW.

501c3 update:

Ellis Carter (our hired attorney consultant) and Scott Ralston (our attorney) joined the meeting to discuss the possibility of becoming a 501c3 non-profit. Ellis shared her POV on this topic and our options. We discussed what would be required and the differences between 501c4 and 501c3.

The cost for pursuing the 501c3 will be in the range of \$6,000 to \$7,000.

Joe asked about the status of the water main shutoff valve change. This topic needs to be discussed at the next Trustees' meeting.

Joe asked for an update on the WiFi router updates. Robert said the suggested WiFi routers are expensive. Robert is still looking into this.

We discussed the lighting in shotgun. Since we are only open one evening, do we really need it? One idea is to put in one light for stand 1. This light may not be used much. We asked John Sutton to get an estimate for trap 3.

Joe asked Dale, Martin and Jeff for an update on the marketing person. Dale said they have not connected with him in person yet. We will talk with him before the next board meeting.

New Business:

We decided we will have 4 types of badges. These different badges will be communicated in the newsletter.

Badge type 1 - Member (orange badge)

Badge type 2 - Member instructor (orange badge with black stripe)

Badge type 3 - Board member (white badge with yellow stripe)

Badge type 4 - Board member instructor (white badge with yellow stripe and black stripe)

With our name being corrected, we need to remove the 'inc' and 'i' from everything. We need to update the website with the new logo. Also, we need to update the URL and emails. John will look into the availability of wcw to use as our domain.

Dale will send Robert the logo files.

They are building a large number of apartments across the street from our club. We will attend the community meetings and be actively involved in the building of the new apartments.

Joe Rinaldi moved we allocate funds to purchase the new machines for the 5 stand proposed by Bob Pritchard. John Sutton seconded. Passed.

Joe Rinaldi moved that we allocate the funds to pursue the 501c3 exemption. Jim Thompson seconded. Passed.

For the Good of the Order:

Robb suggested we send out an email to the membership reminding them of the members meeting that will be held next week. Martin will send out an email.

John Woolley attended the cadet event (Project Apple Seed) and Martin Morehouse did a great job. Robb Stack said he wanted to thank the people who helped at the Monroe Gun Show. For the Sept. 18-19 gun Show in Monroe, the Washington Arms Collectors kindly offered a free table to our Club for promotion of the many shooting opportunities we have at WCW. Volunteer members George Selvy, Matt Daly, Dan Barton and wife, plus James Wilson and board member Dale Sieg did an exceptional job of talking up the benefits of Kenmore Range. Big THANKS to them for helping with this project. Future opportunities might arise to tend a table at the Monroe show so keep this in mind. And you get free admission to the gun show. Thanks again and feel free to contact Robb Stack to get your name on a future list of volunteers for gun shows to represent WCW.

Joe Rinaldi moved to adjourn at 9:12 PM. Dale Sieg seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Sieg, Recording Secretary.

We need news

If there is something going on in our club, or something planned that you would like everyone to know about, drop us a note. There is a lot happening and this is a good place to let people know.

The deadline each month for updates or articles is the 25th, just send what you have to secretary@wcwi.org

WCW Quarterly Membership Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Joe Rinaldi.

Member count (excluding board members): 15
Board member count: 9

Present board members:

Joe Rinaldi (President)
Mike Wichser (2nd Vice President)
John Woolley (Treasurer)
Jim Thompson (Trustee Chairman)
Jeff LeMoine (Trustee Elect)
Jeff Gomes (2yr Trustee)
John Sutton (Trustee)
Martin Morehouse (Corresponding Secretary)
Dale Sieg (Recording Secretary)

Excused board members:

Robb Stack (Vice President)
Gary Webster (past President)
Larry Mallory (2yr Trustee)

Guests:

Steve Read

Guest Topics:

Steve Read asked if the small-bore Pistol League could use the clubhouse on Monday nights from 7pm to 9pm. The clubhouse is already being used by Archery on Monday nights. There was a discussion around different options to share the clubhouse. The board will discuss this further at the next board meeting.

Reading of the last Board Member Meeting minutes:

Dale Sieg read the Board Meeting minutes from the last Board Meeting.

Dave Levinson moved to accept the minutes as read.
Jo Schneider seconded. Passed.

Reading of the last Membership Meeting minutes:

Dale Sieg read the Membership Meeting minutes from the last Membership Meeting. Dave Levinson moved to accept the minutes as read. Jo Schneider seconded. Passed.

A brief review of the Archery Committee's, Shotgun Committee's, Handgun Committee's, Rifle Committee's, and Operations Manager's reports follow. Also included below are brief notes from the Trustees' and Treasurer's monthly updates presented at the quarterly meeting.

Archery Report:

Ken Deleone presented.

We are looking to replace the indoor targets. We are thinking we can get targets for between \$750 and \$850 per target.

Handgun Report:

Emylee Norgaard presented.

The last rifle and pistol committee meeting was on October 11th. Four people were in person and 18 were online. Eight people earned or updated their pistol Special Use that evening. Seven people are signed up for the October 23rd Special Use class.

Rifle Report:

Martin Morehouse presented.

Regular classes and matches are continuing. November 7th starts the indoor small-bore practice. Range rules on our webpage were out of date and have been updated. A member brought up a concern about members wearing clothing that exhibit radical political views. The member thinks we should not allow that. The board briefly discussed this concern with the members. We ask that all members and public who visit our club be kind and respectful to each other. We will not be making any additional restrictions at this time.

Shotgun Report:

Bob Pritchard presented.

We are not having a PITA shoot this Sunday. The Trap Fundamentals class has been happening once per month. It is going well. Someone asked if we will be having the youth Shotgun League? Bob would like to have one, but it takes instructors. That is the problem. Until we have enough instructors, we cannot have the league.

Operations Manager Report:

Robert Haverstock presented.

Employee lead and hearing reviews are done. We had a lot of work done on our mowers and other equipment. We are continuing to work on getting ammo. Someone suggested to Robert about changing the hours since it is getting darker earlier. With time change, we could open at 9am and close at 4pm versus opening at 12 noon and closing at dusk. We discussed this with the members. Joe Rinaldi said we will change our hours to open at 9am and close at 4pm starting on November 7th. We will monitor this for the season and we will re-evaluate the cost versus benefit before next fall.

Trustees' Report:

Jeff LeMoine presented.

There is not much to add outside of what Dale read from the previous Board Meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

John Woolley presented.

The club is in good shape because of the renters. If we did not have the renters, we would have been in the red by over \$100,000. Membership is up from 2019. Range fees are down from 2019. We expect the range fees are down because of the lack of ammo. Payroll is up and it is going to get worse because of minimum wage increases and increases in taxes.

Old Business:

Joe mentioned we mistakenly registered documents with the state with 'Inc' in our name. This caused problems between our club and the state. We are in the process of getting this corrected.

Joe mentioned in the last board meeting, we spoke with our consulting attorney (Ellis) about the 501c3. The board approved moving forward with changing from 501c4 to 501c3. This will not impact our 501c4 status if 501c3 is not accepted. Joe said we will not need to change our bylaws. Dave Levinson said we do need to change our bylaws and this needs to be presented and approved by the membership. Joe said we will follow up with our attorneys.

A member asked if we will we be converting to 501c3 or just adding an entity? Joe said we will be converting. The thought is the IRS would get suspicious that we were doing something inappropriate by just adding a 501c3. Ellis thought we should be able to get a 501c3.

New Business:

There is a plan for the property across the street to become apartments (610 units). If anyone has experience working with property development planning meetings, please help.

Joe said we have improved our image with the public significantly over the last several years.

For the Good of the Order:

Joe asked Emylee for a Facebook update. Emylee said we continue to get positive feedback from people on the site. Several women have asked on our page if this is a safe place for women. Emylee has been able to share it is. We now have 200 followers. Joe would like Emylee to promote the re-qual we offer at the club for law enforcement. He will send her information.

Dave Levinson moved to adjourn at 8:26 PM. Jo Schneider seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Sieg, Recording Secretary.

Have you checked our calendar lately?

We add events to our our club calendar every week. Be sure and check your events, or the events you are interested in, to make sure they are accurate.

With fall approaching event schedules are changing. make sure your events are on the calendar.

If you see something that needs to be fixed, or if you have something new to add, contact me at secretary@wcwi.org.

Kenmore Rimfire Match Report October 2021

There were 27 contestants in this month's match with twelve competitors in the Expert Division, ten in the Sharpshooter Division and five in the Marksman Division.

Wind conditions for the match were very calm for all three relays.

Relay One Expert Division Target One: T.Q. placed first with a record breaking score of 248 7X. Joe Little was second at 245 1X with Keith Wilson finishing third at 243 5X and Matt Daly came in fourth at 243 4X. Target Two: Keith Wilson finished first with a score of 244 5X. T.Q. placed second with a score of 244 4X with Ernie Snyder in was third at 241 2X and Mark Huber fourth at 241 2X.

Relay Two Sharpshooter Division Target One: Harvey Waldron finished first at 237 1X. Steve Trepirnas was second at 236 3X with Ryan Higginbotham placing third at 233 1X. Target Two: Harvey Waldron and Steve Treperinas finished in first and second place again respectively with scores of 242 4X and 237 4X. Kevin Kellogg placed third at 232 4X.

Relay Three Marksman Division. Target One: Rick Meade finished first with a score of 231 2X with John Kimbrough in second at 226 1X and Bud Hyett placing third 214 0X. Target Two: Rick Meade repeated in first place with a score of 223 2X. Bud Hyett was second at 220 2X and Ron Wuesthoff in third at 219 3X.

The scores are posted under the Events tab on the range website.

Contact me if you have any questions about this match.

Matt Daly
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CMP Games Rifle Match Report, October 2021

This month was the first in our series of CMP matches that run through March next year. This month we had three competitors; one member and two new shooters. Milt Schneider was back, and Gary Hsu and Anthony Li attended for the first time. Anthony was visiting from California, and took the time to compete in our match.

Milt used his Mauser, Gary shot the match with his Garand, and Anthony fired the course with a 1903 Springfield.

Milt took the top score for the match, with a 368. Gary is still getting dialed in with his Garand for a score of 318. And Anthony worked hard running the bolt and using stripper clips, coming up with an overall score of 164. With some practice that will only improve.

We have room for more competitors or spectators at our next CMP Games. Our next date is on Sunday, the 14th of November. For details, check our calendar entry, or contact me.

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Kenmore Benchrest Match Report

October 2021

There were eleven contestants in this month's 300-yard benchrest match with eight shooters in the Custom Class and three in the Factory Class.

This month's match was for the Frombach Trophy, a five-relay match. The weather conditions were excellent with a very light wind.

Match 1 Custom Class: Tom Horne and Joshua Shaw tied for first with scores of 103. Dan Kjelland was third at 102. Factory Class: Christian Eckhoff was first with a score of 97 with Matt Daly in second with a score of 95.

Match 2 Custom Class: Joshua Shaw placed first with a score of 102. There was a four-way tie for second at 101 between Parker Letson, Ted Larson, Richard Nicol, and Dan Kjelland. Factory Class: Matt Daly was first with a score of 95 and Christian Eckhoff in second with a score of 94.

Match 3 Custom Class: Tom Horne and Larry Wright tied for first with a score of 102. There was a four-way tie for third at 101 between Parker Letson, Ted Larson, Ernie Snyder, and Dan Kjelland. Factory Class: Christian Eckhoff was first with a score of 98 with Matt Daly in second with a score of 97.

Match 4 Custom Class: Ted Larson placed first with a score of 102. Ernie Snyder and Dan Kjelland tied for second at 101. Factory Class: Christian Eckhoff was first with a score of 95 with Matt Daly placing second at 92.

Going into the last relay Ted Larson and Dan Kjelland were tied for first at 405. Tom Horne was third at 404 with Joshua Shaw in fourth at 403. Larry Wright and Parker Letson were tied for fifth at 401.

Match 5 Custom Class: There was a three-way tie for first at 101 between Larry Wright, Joshua Shaw, and Parker Letson. Dan Kjelland was fourth at 100. Factory Class: Matt Daly was first with a score of 93 with Christian Eckhoff placing second at 89.

The winner of the Frombach Trophy was Dan Kjelland with a total score of 505 with Joshua Shaw second at 504 and a two-way tie for third between Ted Larson and Tom Horne at 503. The overall winner in the Factory Class with a score of 474 was Christian Eckhoff, with Matt Daly in second at 573.

For information on this match contact Matt Daly
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November Coming Events

3 November - WCW Board Meeting

8 November - Rifle/Pistol Committee meeting

15 November - Shotgun Committee meeting

We also have our normal schedule of matches, classes, and events.

For more details, see our calendar, or for questions, contact me at secretary@wcwi.org.

ID Badge updates

The board recently approved changes to some of our club ID badges. Most of our badges will not be changing. These are the types:

Badge type 1 - Member (orange badge) Yours probably looks like this already.

Badge type 2 - Member instructor (orange badge with black stripe) The stripe is on the left edge.

Badge type 3 - Board member (white badge with yellow stripe) This stripe is on the right edge.

Badge type 4 - Board member instructor (white badge with yellow stripe and black stripe) This version has the black stripe on the left edge and the yellow strip on the right edge.

These changes are to make it easier to identify members who volunteer as board members or instructors.



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